

(1) Talk a bit about the relationship between saving faith and works. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Do you know the difference between saying that salvation is “not as a result of works” and that salvation is “for good works”? How important is this? Why?

(2) What is the “heart” according to Scripture? Is it different from the “mind”? What is the relationship between our “will” and “affections” and our “heart”? How does your answer to this question affect your understanding of what Jesus means when he speaks of a “pure heart”?

(3) Define, as best you can, what it means to have a “pure” heart. In what sense is the heart of the Christian already “pure” and in what sense does it need continuing purification?

(4) What are the greatest obstacles in your life to a pure heart? Be specific. What might be done to overcome these obstacles?

(5) What does it mean that we will “see God”? What does it not mean?